

## KEEPING CROP BACK

Farmers Are Disgusted With the Prices.

SEASONS WILL BE LATE

Markets Opened for Business, but No Business Came, or Very Little of It.

An Interesting Development that Is Causing Remark.

Reports received here indicate a widespread movement on the part of farmers in Virginia and North Carolina to hold back their new tobacco in the hope of securing better prices at a later date. Seasons will be thrown back late into the year, and there may be some appreciable effect on the size of the incoming crop.

The movement is an interesting development of the present tobacco situation, and is a subject for remark in the local tobacco world. Dealers are trying to figure on it, and see what results it will force, if any, and to accommodate their actions in anticipation thereof. The sole immediate effect visible thus far is the immense reduction in the quantity of tobacco handled in some of the markets, particularly of North Carolina.

**HOLDING IT BACK**  
A year ago tobacco was selling well, or much better than now, and the market opened in fine style with large sales and much interest in the daily transactions. The market, however, was even then on the retrograde movement, and in the course of the tobacco year that followed prices fell away rapidly. Leaf dealers, with large stocks, laid in speculation on the existing high prices, were caught and are still caught, for that matter. Many farmers met the same fate. The tempting, but unstable price, attracted them, and they sowed everything they had and more besides in tobacco seed.

Now the new tobacco season, when this new crop was to be marketed to the great enrichment of the expectant planters, opens and prices are down to a degree corresponding with that at which they were sowing before. The farmer is disgusted, and "farmers' alliance" and other nicely sounding things, which won't amount to much, are being formed, that the planters may agree among themselves to cut down the size of the crop next year and force prices up again. Meanwhile, however, there is the present crop to dispose of, and the problem is to get it off, but immediately at hand.

The plan the farmers have adopted to meet the conditions is as suggested above. The markets opened this year and got a list of low prices. But the markets were mistaken. They did no business at all. No tobacco came in from the country at all. The farmers had it all right, but they had suddenly conceived the idea of keeping hold of it for awhile. South Carolina is about the only place where tobacco is being sold now. North Carolina markets are doing but little, and the Virginia markets are practically inactive. Some small quantities of dark primings have come into Richmond and have sold for about half what they brought last year. But the market has not opened really, and the season except on sun-cured, which will probably sell well and come in earlier than ever, is expected to be very late. Some markets in North Carolina that sold a million pounds of bright tobacco August of last year handled about 100,000 pounds this year.

Local tobacco dealers express the hope that the farmers, or as many of them as can do so, will not send the crop to market at all, but keep it until next year. Many of these dealers concede that the mere act of holding back the crop a month will do no good. They will eventually be forced to come over and to swallow the evil prices as best they can. If they could hold off until next year, however, which is said to be practicable, if the tobacco is reseeded, the size of the present crop would be very materially reduced. There would be sharper competition for what there is of it, and prices would begin to rise again. But this plan is an ideal one that will probably never be realized. The great majority of the farmers are altogether dependent upon the crop for a living, and must sell it or starve.

**A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION.**  
The question of crops has in fact assumed a position of paramount importance among the tobacco men here. The American Tobacco Company, local dealers say, has about reduced the season to a market, and now practically control the market, moving the price up or down as it may see fit. At this time prices are down, the present large-sized crop will not help to raise them, and leaf dealers and farmers alike are suffering much. The one ray of light that the Richmond speculators see in the distant future is their hope and belief of what the farmers will do next year. If they plant another big crop the effects will be very disastrous. If they take the opposite course, daylight will begin to shine again. And this is what it is believed here will happen. Disgusted farmers in North and South Carolina will abandon tobacco and go back to cotton, and in Virginia vegetables and other stuff will spring up where the fragrant weed has been wont to grow.

NOT AN EXPERIMENT.

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## PENNSY BUYS IN INCOMPLETE TUGS

Two of Three Craft at Shipyards Sold Yesterday—No Bid on the Oil Steamer

The hulls of the two tugs, material for their construction and the engines so far as complete, which were in course of construction at the Trigg yards for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, when the yards went into the hands of a receiver, were sold yesterday at public auction, the one for \$20,000 and the other for \$18,000.

The oil tank steamer, which is on the ways for the Standard Oil Company, was not sold. The material brought a bid of \$1,000 only, though it cost many times that sum. The offer will be reported to court, but it is doubtful if the sale is confirmed. The steamer will probably be sold privately. Mr. Pardee, purchasing agent for the Pennsylvania Road, bought in the tugs, which were being built for that company.

Tug No. 20 is almost ready for launching. This brought \$30,000. Tug No. 21 is not so far advanced. It brought \$18,000. These are considered good prices, under the circumstances, and it is likely that the court will confirm their sale. The oil tank steamer was put up, but no offer was received for it.

A score or more persons were present. Those bidding were Mr. Pardee, of the Pennsylvania; Mr. Craithwaite, of the Metropolitan Dredge Company; New York; Mr. J. A. Davis, of R. A. Hoffman & Company, and Mr. John T. Hill, of J. T. Hill & Company, of Baltimore. Mr. John H. Valentine, of the Valentine Auctioneer Company, conducted the sale for the receiver, and used every clever scheme known to the auctioneer to get up a keen and warm competition among the bidders.

These boats, the last in the hands of the Trigg company, are being sold by the court for the benefit of the creditors.

**MAJ. W. A. ANDERSON**  
NOW IN FINE SHAPE

Attorney-General W. A. Anderson has returned from his long vacation and spent yesterday in his office, looking after his official duties. Major Anderson is in fine spirits and has practically recovered his health, which was giving him so much trouble during the spring and summer. Major Anderson was at Chase City for several months, and then went to his old home in Lexington, where he remained until Monday.

He was warmly greeted by his friends at the library, and had a word of characteristic pleasantry for all who called upon him.

## COLLEGE DOORS ARE OPENING

Session of Woman's College Begins To-Day; Richmond College To-Morrow.

Richmond and the Woman's College are all a-flutter over the opening of the new season.

The year of 1908-'09 at Dr. Nelson's great school for girls and young women begins this morning, and again Dr. Nelson is overwhelmed with applications from parents and guardians who wish to entrust the education of their daughters and wards to his care. Dr. Nelson has rented two houses in addition to his main school building, on Marshall Street and the other on Clay. Both will be used for the accommodation of boarding pupils. These buildings will give Dr. Nelson room for not less than 100 boarders, and, besides, the Doctor will take about 100 day students, giving the Woman's College one of the largest girls' schools in America.

The faculty of the college are all on hand, and the prospects for a session of great work are thus far very bright. The session of Richmond College will begin to-morrow. Dr. Foushee returned from Rome and Naples yesterday morning. He teaches Latin, Greek, and has been spending the summer in the land where the language, now dead, was once on its very tongue. Dr. Foushee, of the School of History, will attend this afternoon. All of the other members of the faculty are on the campus ready for work. Dr. Foushee and Dr. Nelson are the chief corners. Dr. Hunter has been in North Carolina visiting relatives and friends. The campus is quite alive with students already in the building in the forenoon. Matriculation begins to-day and will continue for a week or more until all have been received. The foot-ball team this season promises to be the best the college has ever had. The eleven is training every day, and is making a fine showing.

**MAYO-WALTON**

A Wedding Scheduled for To-Night at St. James M. E. Church.

Mr. William Mervin Mayo, of Dillonvale, Ohio, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Louis S. Mayo, of No. 2230 Fairmount Avenue. Mr. W. M. Mayo will to-night, at 7 o'clock, lead to the altar at St. James M. E. Church, Miss Evelyn Bernard Walton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Walton. The prospective bride is one of the most popular girls of the East End, and a young lady of charming personality. She will be gowned in a traveling costume of brown cloth, trimmed with cream velvet and applique, with a picture hat of brown velvet, with a garniture of cream, and will carry a bride's roses. She will be attended by her matron of honor, Mrs. John Clifton, who will wear cream voile, with a large black picture hat, while Miss Rosa Muir and Miss Emma Mayo will be bridesmaids, and will wear white dresses of white organdy, and like the matron of honor, will carry shower bouquets of maidenhair fern tied with long streamers of white tulle. Mr. Louis S. Mayo, brother of the groom, will be best man, while Messrs. Henry Clifton, St. James M. E. Church, and J. V. Cherry acted as ushers. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom will leave for a Northern tour, after which they will go to their future home, at Dillonvale, Ohio, where Mr. Mayo is manager of the McCabe Shoe Company.

**LEVING-RENNICK SUIT**

It May Be Resisted by Counsel if Not Settled.

There was no further move in the proposed breach of promise suit of Miss Lena Leving vs. L. Renwick, in the City Circuit Court yesterday. Mr. Renwick, who is a well-known attorney, inquired of Clerk Rowell if the declaration had been filed, which circumstance would seem to indicate that he might be the attorney for Renwick. The parents of the young lady still say the matter has not been settled, and no further steps are taken, it is now probably at an end.

**Contract for Vault.**

Mr. W. A. Chesterman, contractor of this city, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the steel and concrete vault to be placed in the office of the Federal Reserve Bank, in the Federal Reserve building, the contract price being \$1,500, or nearly \$500 below the next lowest bidder. Work has already begun on the erection of the supporting column from the floor below to the ceiling of the postoffice as a basis for the great weight of the vault. The construction will occupy some weeks yet. When the vault is available for use considerable room will be added to the working space of the revenue office.

**Place for Reporter.**

Mr. H. Stewart Jones, clerk of the Court of Appeals, is busy straightening up the office in the library building and preparing the way for the promotion of Mr. Jones from court reporter to clerk will create a vacancy in the position of reporter. The applications are addressed to the court, for the members of the bench, and the selection of successor to Mr. Jones is expected that the court will choose a reporter when it convenes in this city November 10th.

**Missionary Society.**

There will be a special meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at the Second Baptist Church, in the mission room of the church, Thursday afternoon, September 24th, at 4:30.

A full attendance is desired.

**'SQUIRE GRAVES HAS "BUM" DOCKET**

Mr. Dooley Dismissed and Mrs. Mahone Satisfied. Police Court Cases.

"This is a bum docket," said 'Squire Graves. It was short and of little consequence, and the presiding genius of the Police Court let the lawyers in the several cases talk until they got tired. This postponed case of Mrs. Mahone against Mr. Dooley was heard. Mr. Dooley was pushing some strong words at her, but a whole lot of witnesses said that Mrs. Mahone was to blame mostly, and after an argument on the part of Mr. Harry Glenn, the case was thrown out of court.

Three loving and distressed mothers pleaded for their bad little boys. The latter had been arrested for taking things from a store. They were sorry and penitent, and it is quite safe to believe that the experience the boys had will be a life-long lesson to them.

'Squire Graves, in the kindness of his bachelor's heart, turned the lady over to their parents, and the story ended. All the money that Sergeant Thomas collected came from a few drinks, who had enough left to pay the gallery fee at 10 per place, with a little costs added, and after Mr. Sidney Boesher had been discharged of the charge of selling bad melons, the court adjourned.



## LOWNEY'S Chocolate Bonbons

Every Package Warranted!

If you buy Lowney's Candies in the original sealed packages you will find them in perfect condition, or money refunded. The season of Richmond College will begin to-morrow. Dr. Foushee returned from Rome and Naples yesterday morning. He teaches Latin, Greek, and has been spending the summer in the land where the language, now dead, was once on its very tongue. Dr. Foushee, of the School of History, will attend this afternoon. All of the other members of the faculty are on the campus ready for work. Dr. Foushee and Dr. Nelson are the chief corners. Dr. Hunter has been in North Carolina visiting relatives and friends. The campus is quite alive with students already in the building in the forenoon. Matriculation begins to-day and will continue for a week or more until all have been received. The foot-ball team this season promises to be the best the college has ever had. The eleven is training every day, and is making a fine showing.

Lowney's Packages are Full Weight.

## MINOR'S SCHEMES QUITE POPULAR

Disposition to Reform the Methods of Governing the City.

The propositions offered in the Charter, Ordinance and Reform Committee the other night by Messrs. Hall and Minor, looking to a reduction of the representation in the Council and to changing the form of city government, so as to shift the detail work from the Council to other officers and to place additional responsibilities upon the Mayor, are meeting with general approval, and a great many officers in and about the City Hall are in favor of the proposed changes.

Said one of them last night, who will probably aspire to a higher position in the city government next year: "I have some very decided views on the subject, but I do not think it would become me to rush into print with them just now. At the proper time you may expect me to say what I favor on this line in no uncertain terms."

Mr. Minor is an enthusiast on the subject of municipal reform. He has been hammering away on this line ever since his advent into the Council, and he is likely to keep up the fight. "I have no very definite plan myself," said Mr. Minor in discussing the matter, "but I want the community to look into it, and see if something cannot be done which will conduce to more business-like methods in our municipal affairs. You cannot get the best men to go to the Council, when the important committee members and great volumes of detailed work, which can easily be disposed of by the heads of departments, causes them to neglect their private affairs to so great an extent. Matters relating to legislation, which should be the chief concern of the Councilmen, and they should not be called upon to attend so many routine committee meetings."

The subcommittee will not report on these propositions for a long time, as the members desire to look into them with the utmost care.

## LEGISLATORS WHO ARE IN THE CITY

Among the out-of-town members of the House of Delegates in the city yesterday were Hon. T. A. Overby, of Lunenburg; Hon. W. H. Purdy, of Greensville; Hon. S. S. Simmerman, of Wythe, and Colonel James R. Catton, of Alexandria. All these, save the latter, have declined to stand again, so new members will be coming in. In Lunenburg the committee has decided not to nominate, but to have a free-for-all fight for the House.

There are four candidates in Mr. Purdy's district, and the primaries will be held shortly. Mr. Simmerman's successor has already been named, and Colonel Catton has been nominated to succeed himself without opposition.

Mr. Simmerman, accompanied by Mrs. Simmerman and their little daughter, is here under treatment of George Ben Johnston for some temporary trouble from which he is suffering.

Colonel Catton comes down to join his colleagues on the Revision Committee in winding up the arduous work preparatory to the reconvening of the Legislature.

**STRIKE CASES SET IN HUSTINGS COURT**

In the Hustings Court yesterday, Judge Witt devoted most of the session to the work of setting cases appearing on the docket for the term.

The cases of the Commonwealth vs. John McDevitt and Ernest McDowell, for throwing rocks at cars and obstructing the tracks of the Passenger and Power Company, will be tried, on October 6th. The men were bailed, and the witnesses in the cases recognized for their appearance on that day.

Three cases are set for to-day. They are of small importance, and are those of John Garnett, Charles Bonaparte, and Richard Holmes, who stand charged with felony.

Ward in Charles City.

The marriage of Miss Mary Waddill to Mr. Thomas Newton Hubbard will take place at St. James Presbyterian Church, in Charles City county, at 4:30 P. M., October 7th next.

**Board of Aldermen.**

The Board of Aldermen will hold a special session on Thursday night for the purpose of disposing of the unfinished business appearing on the calendar.

**Dr. BURKHART'S**

A thirty days' treatment costs only 25 cents at any drug store. It gives quick relief to Rheumatism, Gout, Pains, Catarrh, Constipation, Indigestion and stomach trouble.

## WILL CELEBRATE ITS ANNIVERSARY

Bethlehem Church Has Been In Existence for Fifty Years

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sixth and Clay, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next Sunday. At the morning service the Rev. C. F. W. Meyer, of Baltimore, will preach the jubilee sermon. After the sermon, communion will be celebrated. At the night service the Rev. D. H. Steffens, of Baltimore, will deliver the sermon. The church, just recently renovated, will be decorated for the occasion.

The congregation was organized on the first Sunday in October, 1852, with thirty-nine members, but now has a very large membership. The first church was erected in 1864. The congregation had a steady growth, and in 1893 it built and dedicated the present sanctuary. During the fifty years of its existence the following pastors served, the congregation: William Schimpfrow, F. Lubkert, Carl Gross, C. L. Loeffer, F. Dreyer, C. J. Oelschlaeger. The present incumbent, Rev. F. H. Meuschke, has been in charge of the congregation since 1903, and is preaching in English and German. The congregation is in a flourishing condition and is building a handsome parsonage for its pastor.

## Fairmount News.

Miss Jennie Rabbit, of Washington, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Thompson, on the Avenue.

Mrs. S. B. Gray and children, Matt and Max, have returned home from Vontay, Goodland county, where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Thomas Slaughter, of Petersburg, is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Morris, at No. 1123 Twenty-second Street.

Mrs. Midkiff and daughter, Olive, are visiting Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, on Twenty-second Street.

Mrs. Herbert Morris and son, Wesley, who have been visiting friends in Baltimore and Newport News, have returned home after a delightful visit.

Mr. George Hart has returned from Caroline county, where he visited friends. Mrs. J. W. Jackson, and daughters, Misses Mable and Louise Jackson, are the guests of Mrs. Thomas Morris.

Revival services commenced at Chelsea Hill Monday night.

Miss Maude McKensie has been appointed teacher at Fairfield school.

Mrs. Taylor of Swansboro, expects to locate in Fairmount in the near future. Mrs. John Brooks, of Roanoke, is visiting the family of Tom Morris on Twenty-first Street.

Mrs. Margaret Duke is critically ill at her home, at Oliver, Va. Mrs. Duke is a sister of Mr. Andrew Thacker, on the Avenue.

Mr. Southward, of Fredericksburg, was the guest of Miss Sallie Fidler Sunday.

Miss Olive Mitchell, daughter of W. H. Mitchell, has been appointed a teacher at the Fairfield school.

The infant child of Mr. George Terry is quite ill.

Petty thieving has caused no little annoyance recently in Fairmount. Friday night thieves entered the chicken house of Mr. B. H. Thompson, on the Avenue, and carried off a number of fine fowls.

Not being satisfied with the high price at which chickens they entered the wash-room and made off with the entire week's wash of the family. Mr. Thompson offers a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves.

Mrs. J. H. Haynes and children have returned after spending the summer with her mother in the country.

Mrs. J. H. Keeton, who has been visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Keeton, Jr., who has been ill, has left for her home, at Chase City, Va.

Mr. W. T. Robertson is with his sister, Mrs. George Terry, on Twenty-first Street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tunstall, of Chase City, visited Mrs. J. H. Keeton, Jr., a few days ago.

Mr. J. H. Keeton, Jr., who hurt his arm several days ago, is now much improved.

**AFTERNOON WEDDING**

Mr. Staunton Ingram Cottrill Marries Miss Bessie Gray.

Mr. Staunton Ingram Cottrill and Miss Bessie Gray were married yesterday at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ernest Cottrill, the bride's aunt.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. James Gray, of Petersburg. She was attired in white organdy, with satin ribbons, and carried white carnations. The best man was Mr. Graves Owens, Mr. Richard Jenkins and Miss Mary Walker were the attendants.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cottrill left for a northern trip, taking in Baltimore and New York. They will then visit his sister, in Connecticut. They will be at home to their friends after the 1st of October.

**BETTER SERVICE ON WESTHAMPTON LINE**

The Passenger and Power Company yesterday announced that better car service to Westhampton will be run, beginning next Saturday afternoon and continuing every Saturday and Sunday thereafter as long as the travel warrants. Complaint was made last Sunday, owing to the use of one of the small Laurel Street convertible cars on the line. Late in the evening, this car was crowded with passengers, and the demand for better service.

**NEW CAMP CHARTERED**

Will Have Its Headquarters Here—Mr. Bryan Commander.

A new camp of "Confederate Veterans" has just been chartered by the grand commander. It is known as the "Confederate Old Glory" and its headquarters are in this city. Mr. Joseph Bryan, of Richmond, has been chosen commander and Mr. E. S. Ashby, of Fauquier county, adjutant.

Licensed to Marry.

Marriage licenses have been issued in Washington to John J. Hoggarty, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and Della Taylor, to William R. Burnett and Miss Mary E. Blankenship, to Luther F. Kelly and Maggie D. Housley, all of Richmond.

Take Higher Classes.

On account of the number of large girls coming into Westminster School, John H. Reed, Williams, formerly principal of the Richmond Female Seminary, has been secured to take charge of the higher classes of mathematics and Latin, and to have the highest success in such successful work.

Mr. Diego Still Ill.

Mr. Isaac Diego, of No. 1108 Floyd Avenue, is still quite ill.

## The Autumn Furniture and Carpet Program.

This season we are to make special efforts to induce everyone with floor covering or furniture needs not to hesitate, but to purchase freely, because our terms are to be the most helpful ever offered. We're going to accept the very smallest sums in payment at amply divided intervals.



Solid Oak Bedroom Suite—largest variety and lowest prices guaranteed. Complete and finish the \$14.75 up

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\$10.00 Well-Made Velvet Couches, out of frames, best springs. \$6.15

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Solid Oak 6-foot Extension Tables, with five heavy legs—well and strong—made by \$3.98



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25 ones..... 17.98

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50 ones..... 35.00

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Extra Large Reversible Rugs.....98c

Cocoa Door Mats.....30c

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27.00 ones..... 19.9